Chief Minister **(Sri C. Kesavan):**

(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Press Note dated 18th August 1951 published by Government.

(*b*) Yes, departmental enquiry has been conducted.

(*c*) The reasons are fully explained in the Press Note dated 21st August 1951.

Sri. P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Sir, I rise to a point of order. Inviting the attention of the House to previous references is hardly satisfactory. I request that the Chief Minister may be asked to give a summary of the Press Notes.

Mr. Speaker: If the answer is very long the hon. Minister can refer to Press Notes, and the hon. Members can go through them and ascertain the necessary information.

Sri. P. Balakrishnan Tampi: I raise another point of order. If reference is made to some past publication of the Government, this House loses its privilege of asking supplementary questions.

Mr. Speaker: Official publications and documents can always be referred to by the hon. Ministers.

INDIAN ALUMINIUM COMPANY

*208. [31] **Sri. Paul Thaliath:** Will the hon. Minister for Labour be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the strike and lockout in the Factory of the Indian Aluminium Company Ltd., have been withdrawn;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date of withdrawal; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative the nature of the action taken by the Government in the matter?

Minister for Industries and Labour **(Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon):**

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The strike was withdrawn on 17th September 1951. The lockout ceased to exist on the morning of 19th September 1951.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

ELECTRIC CRANES

*209. [32] **Sri. Paul Thaliath:** Will the hon. Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that an electric crane belonging to the Government is lying idle at Alleppey or any other place;

(*b*) if so, the date on which this was purchased;

(*c*) the expenditure incurred in connection with this?

Minister for Public Works **(Sri. G. Chandrasekhara Pillai):**

(*a*) Eight numbers of electric cranes, purchased by Government for installation at the Alleppey and Trivandrum Piers, are kept in the premises of the Office of the Dredger Superintendent, Alleppey, because the piers in their present condition are not strong enough to erect these new cranes.

(*b*) Received in Alleppey in December 1949.

(*c*) 6 Nos. of 3 tons cranes each £2530 2 Nos. of 10 tones cranes each £5050.

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